CONSTITUTION
of
OREGON WOMEN'S AMBULANCE CORPS

Preamble

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes;

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State, and Nation;

To combat the autocracyof both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

To have and to keep ourselves trained to be of all possible help to our Community, State, and Nation in the event of any disaster whatso ever.

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of the organization shall be the "Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps."

ATICLE2

The objects and purposes of the Corps shall be to promote the principles set forth in the Preamble.

ARTICLE 3

Organization

State Headquarters: State Headquarters of the Corps shall be maintained in Portland, Oregon.

ARTILE 4

Unit Headquarters; Unit Headquarters shall be maintained in the city or town where individual units are formed and only after approval by

the State Headquarters Board (charter suggested).

ARTICLE4

Nature

Section 1 -- Civilian OrganizatTon:
This Corps is a civilian organization until such time as a change in status is deemed necessary for the purpose of giving greater service to our country. Rank does exist, however, and every member should be addressed by her official title in any meeting, at any time when in uniform and when on duty.

Section 2 -- Non-Political:
This Corps shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking office or ferferment.

Section 3 -- Citizenship Duty:
Each member of this Corps must perform her full duty as a citizen and cannot be a member of, or active in, any subversive group whatsoever.

ARTICLE 5

Membership

Section 1-- Eligibility:
Any woman, 18 years of age or over, who is a citizen of the United States, and who presents reasonable personal appearance, and is physically sound and mentally competent, and good moral character, shall be considered eligible for appointment to this organization.

Section 2 -- Evidences of Eligibility:
Evidences of eligibility shall be furnished by each applicant. This evidence shallbe as follows: Birth Certificate, or recognized affidavit as proof; one identification photograph: two sets fo finger prints, and character references.

Section 3:
The final right to either reject or accept an applicant shall rest with the Board of Officers of the Unit involved.

Section 4:
In case an applicant is accepted, at the end of 30 days all other matters being satisfactory, she must pass an examination as regards to Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

Section 5:
There shall be no other form or class of membership other than active membership.

Section 6:
Membership may be in one Unit only. However, transfer between Units is permissable, if the transferee is in good standing.

Section 7:
A member once expelled from the Corps may not again br aligible for membership.

ARTICLE 6
Officers

Section 1:
The ranking officer of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps shall have the title of Colonel. In this capacity the Colonel shall act as Coordinator among her various Portland Unit officers and the various State Units, and be recognized as State Commander, subject topolicy determined by State Headquarters Board.
Officers of the Corps shall be appointed by the Commander Officer of the Corps upon recommendation of the State Board from names submitted to the State Board by the Unit Commanders.

Section 2: Clarification of the terms "State Board" and "Unit Board".
The State Board of Officers shall consist of the Commissioned Officers of each State Unit.

Unit Boards shall consist of Officers of each local State Unit.

Section 3: Duties of Various Boards:
The State Board shall meet once each month to pass on matters as prtain to State activities at large. The Unit Boards shall meet at least once each two weeks and take action on matters pertaining to their individual Unit and local problems, so long as this action is not in conflict with established policies fo the State Board, and keep the State Boardinformed by means of monthly reports, in writing as to progress of training and financial status.

Section 4: Non-Commissioned Officers:
The number of members in a Unit regulates the number of Non-commissioned officers of the different grades in that Unit. The Unit Board will appoint all Company Non-commissioned Officers on the basis of proven ability and adaptibility to the position in question upon the recommendations of the Company Commander. Non-commissioned Officers assigned to Headquarters of the Corps will be upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer of the State and the approval of the Unit Board.

ARTICLE 7

Advisors

The State Board shall appoint three male advisors in the following capacities:

1. Educational Advisor
2. Military Advisor
3. Corps Board Advisor

At any time it appears necessary the Coordinator may seek advice of any qualified person or persons, who by reason of training or profession, are qualified to give counsel.

ARTICLE 8

Dues

Section 1:
Dues shall be fixed by individual Units. One-fifth of the monthly dues shall be apportioned and forwarded to State Headquarters for maintenance.

ARTICLE 9

Any officer who resigns may not be reinstated in the grade held at time of resignation, but may be enlisted in the grade of Private upon action of the proper Officer's Board on an application sub-

mitted by the former officer signifying willingness to enlist in the grade of Private.

ARTICLE 10

Amendments

Section 1:
Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly called meetings of the State Board.
all officers qualified to sit as members of the Board shall be notified in advance of the meeting and two-thirds of the Officers present shall constitute a voting majority.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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OREGON WOMENS AMBULANCE CORPS

The following Rules and Regulations are adopted to conform to the Constitution of the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps:

CLASSES AND DRILL:

Section 1:

Members of the Corps must attend all classes and drill, for which they have signed or obtain leave of absence.

Section 2:

One class and drill must be taken each week.

Section 3:

Six classes are compulsory, but these can be taken as slow or as fast as each member desires. The classes are drill, short-wave radio, first aid, signaling, automobile mechanics, and Portland Fire Department Training Program. The ranking officer, or if no officer is taking that particular calss, the ranking non-commissioned officer will be in charge of the class. Classes for officers and non-commissioned officers are to be held for the purpose of acquainting each with their respective duties. These classes to be held at the direction of Military Advisor.

Section 4:

At any time after the six compulsory courses have been completed ten or more members who desire a course in any subject that is not compulsory shall contact the Commanding Officer and the course will be arranged if possible. This includes target practice, telephone installation, ground aviation, flying, chemical warfare, map reading, gas-mask drill, language and many others.

SECTION 5:

Leave of absence is granted only because of illness, absence from town or other reasonable excuse.

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Section 5:

Members must not drink any intoxicants in public places when in uniform.

UNIFORMS:

Section 7:

Uniforms must be worn while on duty in classes, and may not be worn at any other time, unless permission is granted by the Commanding Officer. Parts of uniform must never be worn with other clothing.

Section 8:

Members must always present a neat and smart appearance.

CONDUCT:

Section 9:

Members must not dine with officers or men whom they drive, unless there is no other way of getting anything to eat and action is unavoidable due to circumstances.

Section 10:

Members must obey the orders of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers quickly and without question.

Section 11:

Members wishing to make complaints must put same in writing. Such complaints will be taken up and acted upon at the following meeting of the Officers' Board.

Section 12:

All matters should be taken up with the 1st Sergeant before they are discussed with the Commissioned Officers. There are many things that can be answered by the Sergeant, and in this way the officers are spared answering questions not in their province.

Section 13:

Members reporting on or off duty will do so according to the Rules of Military Discipline and Courtesy.

Section 14:

Members must not, under any circumstances, discuss their service of the Ambulance Corps, or business of the Ambulance Corps, or business of people driven previously with their passengers or other persons.

Section 15:

Registration cards must be signed by everyone driven.

Section 16:

Registration fee shall be included in the cost of uniform.